

Georgetown City Council Meeting
July 25, 2011
6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Georgetown City Council was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney, with all members present, David Lusby arriving at 6:08. After a moment of silence, Councilmember Thompson led the pledge

1. **Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilmember McEuen and seconded by Councilmember Singer to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting held 07/11/2011 . **The motion was unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement receipt of bills:**

Mayor Varney requested that Council acknowledge receipt of bills. Councilmembers all acknowledged such receipt.

3. **Public Concerns**

a) Connie Minch asked for street closure for the fourth annual Second Sunday. Second Sunday will be held on October 9, 2011. This event is statewide and is sponsored by the cooperative extension office. The event encourages physical activity. A motion for street closure was made by Councilmember Prather and seconded by Councilwoman Skinner. **The motion was unanimously approved**

b) Betty Sallee and Linda Cassarelli residents of Canewood Golf Villas complained about tall grass in their subdivision. They are concerned about safety as well as property values. Councilmember Penn asked what could be done by the legislative body. City Attorney Logan Askew said that the ordinance was being looked at and some of the parameters could be changed.

c) Kitty Dougoud reminded the public to continue voting for the grant being given by Pepsi. There is only one week left to vote. Mrs. Dougoud announced that two downtown real estate offices would be combined which left Main Street with a vacancy. Nina Belle Durr will be opening a business to teach music lessons.

d) Jay Griffin spoke to council about mowing in his neighborhood. He reminded council that he had addressed this problem with them at the regular City Council meeting held July 11, 2011. The grass has been mowed but only to twelve inches. He has been submitting G-tickets and pictures of the area since 2008.

- e) David Livingston presented a check for the Safety Grant from the Kentucky League of Cities in the amount of \$9000.

4. Unified Local Government – David Thompson

David Thompson approached council about an ordinance for unified local government. Mr. Thompson believes that in 1988 when a city and county merger was brought to a vote that the citizens were not educated about merged government. He explained that unified local government allows time for education. A commission of twenty to forty people is formed and has two years to plan. A public hearing would then be held and the matter would be brought to a vote. If this form of government failed on the ballot the commission would disband and the matter could not be considered again for five years.

4. Mayor's Comments

- a) Mayor Varney announced the ten year old baseball team that won the championship last year will be playing in the finals this year as 11year olds.
- b) Executive Order 11-017 was read appointing David Thompson to the Board of Ethics. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Penn. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

6. Police

- a) Greg Reeves, Chief of Police, asked the council if they would like him to continue looking at existing structures for the police department. Councilmember Tackett suggested waiting six months to see where the city was financially with the revenues that had been projected. Councilmember Thompson suggested Betty look into a bond with Kentucky League of Cities. Councilmember McEuen said he realizes the space is too small but there are several capital projects that are needed and employees need pay increases. Councilmember Penn is concerned with projected revenues and believes it would be better for the department to build on property the city owns rather than bond rental property.
- b) Municipal Order 11-014 approving a lease extension on the current police department was read. A motion to approve the lease extension, which is retroactive back to the beginning of calendar year, was made by

councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember McEuen. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

7. Planning and Zoning

Municipal Order 11-012 approving the updated goals and objectives for the 2012 comprehensive plan was read. A motion to approve the updated goals and objectives was made by councilmember Prather and seconded by Councilmember Skinner. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

8. City Engineer

- a) Eric Larson, City Engineer announced that an award had been given to the Best Management Practices (BMP) project at Fire Station number three. This is the third award the project has won. The plaque will be hung at the fire station with the other awards.
- b) Municipal Order 11-013 approving a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the city of Georgetown and the Planning Commission was read. A motion to approve the MOU was made by Councilmember Singer and seconded by Councilmember Tackett. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- c) Resolution 11-012 approval of a change order with Malcolm Pirnie for clean up at the Mallard Pencil Factory. A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Prather to approve the change order. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- d) Mr. Larson presented a brief overview of the FY 2011-2012 paving project. A motion was made by Councilmember Penn and seconded by Councilmember McEuen to accept the paving project. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- e) The traffic committee has recommended placing No Parking signs on both sides of the street on Sutton Place. A motion in favor of No Parking signs on Sutton Place was made by Councilmember Singer and seconded by Councilmember Prather. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

9. Executive Session

A motion to enter executive session pursuant to KRS 61.510 (1) (c) to discuss proposed litigation on behalf of the City of Georgetown was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Penn. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

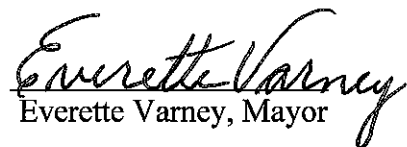
10. Regular Session

A motion was made to re-enter regular session by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Thompson. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

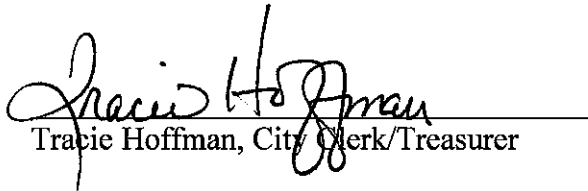
11. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was made by Councilmember Tackett and seconded by Councilmember Singer. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY:


Everett Varney, Mayor

ATTESTED BY:


Tracie Hoffman, City Clerk/Treasurer